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Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Last year, when this question of granting subsidy to the Sengipatti Tuberculosis Sanatorium was raised, it was stated by the Hon. Minister that it would be given. Will the Government consider at least now to grant the necessary subsidy to this sanatorium?"

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already answered that it will be considered."

Enquiry into cases filed against Harijans in Malabar

* 999 *Q.*—Sri E. T. KUNHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed by the District Harijan Welfare Committee, Malabar, at its meeting held on 29th November 1954 requesting the Government to appoint an Inspector of Police on special duty to enquire into cases, wherever Harijans are involved in Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir. The matter is under examination."

Sri O. KORAN :—" Sir, numerous cases of assault on Harijans are being reported in the district of Malabar and Police very rarely take action in such cases. In the light of this fact, may I know whether the Government will consider the question of appointing an Inspector to be in special charge of these cases and investigate them?"

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I have already answered that the matter is under investigation."

Purchase of tractors

* 1000 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of tractors purchased in 1946 from Army surplus stores;

(*b*) how many of them are in use now; and

(*c*) the total cost of all the tractors?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) 33.

" (*b*) 32.

" (*c*) Rs. 5,79,932."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" In view of the fact that tractors purchased from Army surplus are less costly than those purchased from companies, may I know the difference between the rate charged for ploughing one acre of land by a tractor purchased

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from Army surplus and by a tractor purchased by the Government from other private dealers and if there is no change in the rate, may I know the reason for the same? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The difference in prices of tractors purchased by the Government is not taken into account while hiring their use. They are hired under ' no profit no loss ' basis. There cannot be any discrimination between ryots who happen to use a particular tractor and those who happen to use other tractors."

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" இதுபோன்ற பெரும் ட்ராக்டர்கள் பெரும் நிலச்சுவாந்தார்களுக்குதான் பயன்படுகிறதே தவிர சிறு நிலம் படைத்தவர்களுக்கு உபயோகப்படுவது கிடையாது. அதனால் ஜப்பானில் உபயோகப்படுத்தக்கூடிய இரண்டு குதிரை வேகமுள்ள சிறிய கலப்பைகளை வாங்கி அதை வாடகைக்கு விட சர்க்கார் யோசிக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" எனக்கு இந்த விவரம் ஒன்றும் தெரியாது. அதைப்பற்றி யோசிக்கப்படும்."

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* 1001 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the publication of ' Sennai Cheidi ' was stopped;

(*b*) the reason therefor;

(*c*) the number of copies of ' Madras Information ' now printed;

(*d*) how many of them are distributed free; and

(*e*) the number of subscribers and the average amount realized by direct sale of every issue?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The publication of ' Sennai Cheidi ' Tamil edition of the Madras Information was discontinued along with its other regional language counterparts in May 1953.

" (*b*) The publication of the language editions of the Madras Information was discontinued partly as a measure of economy and partly because it was considered adequate if the English edition was published for giving minimum publicity to the policies and achievements of Government. The English edition has a wider field of publicity than the language editions since it is circulated outside the State and abroad.

" (*c*) 3,000 copies of the Madras Information are now being printed every month.

" (*d*) 800 copies of Madras Information are distributed free.

" (*e*) There are 1,400 subscribers for the journal and the sale through agents is 800 copies. The average amount realized by direct sale is Rs. 325 per month."